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Note on Bayou Corne....

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Note the reference to new gas bubbles near Bayou Corne
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Hi Sam,

Here are the items of interest from the weekly oil and gas meeting.

Range Resources

OECA has requested a conference call next Thursday, 9/13, to discuss the information Range has submitted under their settlement agreement. Contact: Willie Lane, Chief, 6EN-WR, at x8460.

Quad O Reg Implementation

The Air Enforcement Program has set up an email address within the Region so that they can receive direct notices from the industry of scheduled well completions. The regs become effective October 15th and require an email notifying the agency of



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their intent to complete gas wells. There may well be 8,000 of these per year in Region 6 alone. The Enforcement Program is working with External Affairs to develop a press release notifying the industry of the availability of the email system for notification. Don Smith in 6EN-AS is the lead for this, x7270

Expert Forum on the Use of Performance-based Regulatory Models in the U.S. Oil and Gas Industry to be held in Texas City on September 20-21, 2012

The Department of Labor, Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), Department of Interior, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), United States Coast Guard (USCG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) invite interested parties to participate in a co-sponsored stakeholder meeting on the use and implementation of performance-based regulatory models for enhanced safety and environmental performance in the United States oil and gas industry. The meeting will be held at the College of the Mainland and hosted by the Gulf Coast Safety Institute. Speakers will address the current regulatory landscape and discuss the challenges and benefits of non-prescriptive, outcome-based approaches to reduce the frequency and severity of harmful events. Either Pam Phillips or Chris Ruhl, x7356, may attend for the Region.

Self-Disclosure Audit Policy - Enforcement Sensitive

The Agency expects to publish a Federal Register notice by the end of September which will rescind this policy. This should not be disclosed outside the agency at this time. Contact: Tucker Henson, ORC, x8148.

Bayou Corne, LA, Sinkhole at the Napoleonville Salt Dome

Drilling or the relief/inspection well by the contractor for Texas Brine, LLC, continues, with them setting casing at the "kick-off point" where they will begin the turn from the vertical to a diagonal direction to reach the cavern which is suspected of collapsing. New bubbles of natural gas have recently appeared in more locations further from the sinkhole, but the significance is not yet known. Contact: Phillip Dellinger, x8324

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